CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing a replaceable area illumination light source comprising the steps of:

a) manufacturing an area emitting light source by depositing a single, flexible organic light emitting diode layer on a single, flat, flexible, two-dimensional substrate that includes a tab portion and a step portion, said single, flexible organic light emitting diode layer being a single, continuous light emitting element and including two electrodes, at least one of the electrodes being transparent;

b) shipping the light source in the two-dimensional configuration; and

c) flexing the single, flat, flexible, two-dimensional substrate of the light source and removably placing the light source in a curved three dimensional configuration within a lighting fixture by inserting the tab portion of the substrate into the lighting fixture, guided by the step portion to insure proper orientation.

2. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1 further including the step of packing the light source in a flat package.

3. (Original) The method claimed in claim 2 wherein the package contains a plurality of light sources.

4. (Original) The method claimed in claim 3 wherein a portion of the plurality of light sources may be removed from the package.

5. (Original) The method claimed in claim 2 wherein the light source may be removed from the package and mounted in the lighting fixture by holding and manipulating the light source by the edges of the light source.

6. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of vending the light source in a flat package from a vending machine.

7. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of vending the light source in a flat package through the mail.

8. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of vending the light source in a flat package with the lighting fixture.

9. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of vending a plurality of light sources in a flat configuration within a dispenser adapted to dispense one light source at a time.

10. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of placing advertising on a non-emissive portion of the light source.

11. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of providing a light source at no cost to a customer to induce sales of a lighting fixture.

12. (Previously Presented) The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of providing a lighting fixture at no cost to a customer to induce sales of a light source.

13. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of providing means for testing a light source while the light source is in a package.

14. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of receiving a deposit from a customer for a light source and returning the deposit to the customer upon a return of the light source.

15. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of receiving a deposit from a customer for a light source and returning the deposit to the customer upon the purchase of a second light source.

16. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of vending a plurality of light sources each in a flat package depending from a common support.

17. (Currently amended) A method for providing a replaceable area illumination light source comprising the steps of:

a) manufacturing a plurality of area emitting light sources by, for each area light emitting light source, depositing on a single, flat, flexible substrate that includes a tab portion and a step portion in substantially a two-dimensional configuration a single, flexible organic light emitting diode layer, said single, flexible organic light emitting diode layer being a single, continuous light emitting element and including two electrodes;

b) forming a sequentially attached plurality of the light sources into a cylindrical roll;

c) shipping the roll of light sources;

d) detaching one or more of the light sources from the roll; and

e) flexing and removably placing the detached light source in a curved three dimensional configuration within a lighting fixture by inserting the tab portion of the substrate into the lighting fixture, guided by the step portion to insure proper orientation.

18. (Original) The method claimed in claim 17 further comprising the step of providing a plurality of light sources packaged in a roll and electrically connected in parallel and

means to detach and provide power to groups of individual light sources electrically connected in parallel.

19. (Original) The method claimed in claim 17 further comprising the step of providing a plurality of light sources packaged in a roll and electrically connected in series and means to detach and provide power to groups of individual light sources electrically connected in series.

20. (Original) The method claimed in claim 17, wherein the sequential attachment is provided by a common flexible substrate.

21. (Original) The method claimed in claim 17, wherein the sequential attachment is provided by a common backing layer to which the light sources are attached.

22. (Original) The method claimed in claim 17 further comprising the step of vending the light sources from a vending machine.

23. (Original) The method claimed in claim 17 further comprising the step of vending the light sources through the mail.

24. (Original) The method claimed in claim 17 further comprising the step of vending the light sources with the lighting fixture.

25. (Original) The method claimed in claim 17 further comprising the step of vending a plurality of light sources from a dispenser adapted to dispense one light source at a time.

26. (Currently amended) A method for providing a replaceable area illumination light source comprising the steps of:

a) manufacturing a plurality of area illumination emitting light sources by, for each area illumination emitting light source, depositing a single, flexible organic light emitting diode layer on a single, flat, flexible substrate that includes a tab portion and a step portion in substantially a two-dimensional configuration, said single, flexible organic light emitting diode layer being a single, continuous light emitting element and including two electrodes, at least one of the electrodes being transparent;

b) forming a sequentially attached plurality of the light sources into an accordion-folded stack;

c) shipping the light sources in the stack;

d) detaching one or more of the light sources from the stack; and

e) flexing and removably placing the detached light source in a curved three dimensional configuration within a lighting fixture by inserting the tab portion of the substrate into the lighting fixture, guided by the step portion to insure proper orientation.

27. (Original) The method claimed in claim 26 further comprising the step of providing a plurality of light sources packaged in a stack and electrically connected in parallel and means to detach and provide power to groups of individual light sources electrically connected in parallel.

28. (Original) The method claimed in claim 26 further comprising the step of providing a plurality of light sources packaged in a stack and electrically connected in series and means to detach and provide power to groups of individual light sources electrically connected in series.

29. (Original) The method claimed in claim 26, wherein the sequential attachment is provided by a common flexible substrate.

30. (Original) The method claimed in claim 26, wherein the sequential attachment is provided by a common backing layer to which the light sources are attached.

31. (Previously Presented) The method claimed in claim 26, further comprising the step of vending the light sources from a vending machine.

32. (Original) The method claimed in claim 26 further comprising the step of vending the light sources through the mail.

33. (Original) The method claimed in claim 26 further comprising the step of vending the light sources with the lighting fixture.

34. (Original) The method claimed in claim 26 further comprising the step of vending a plurality of light sources from a dispenser adapted to dispense one light source at a time.

35. (Currently amended) A method for providing a replaceable area illumination light source comprising the steps of:

a) manufacturing an electroluminescent area emitting light source by depositing on a single, flat, flexible substrate that includes a tab portion and a step portion in a substantially two-dimensional configuration one or more layers of light emitting materials between two electrodes, each of the one or more layers being a single, continuous light emitting element, and encapsulating the electroluminescent area emitting light source with a flexible encapsulating cover affixed to the single, flat, flexible substrate, at least one of the two electrodes being transparent;

b) shipping the light source in the two-dimensional configuration; and

c) flexing and removably placing the light source in a curved three dimensional configuration within a lighting fixture by inserting the tab portion of the substrate into the lighting fixture, guided by the step portion to insure proper orientation, the lighting fixture providing power to the light source to emit light from a two-dimensional area of the one or more layers of light-emitting material.